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HOUSE BILL NO. 1143

1	AN ACT
	To repeal sections 135.478, 135.481, 135.484, 135.487, and 135.530, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof twenty-one new sections relating to community development projects.
6 7	BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:
8	Section A. Sections 135.478, 135.481, 135.484, 135.487, and
9	135.530, RSMo, are repealed and twenty-one new sections enacted
10	in lieu thereof, to be known as sections 68.200, 68.202, 68.204,
11	68.206, 68.208, 68.210, 68.212, 68.214, 68.216, 68.218, 68.220,
12	68.222, 68.224, 68.226, 68.228, 68.230, 135.478, 135.481,
13	135.484, 135.487, and 135.530, to read as follows:
14	68.200. Sections 68.200 to 68.230 shall be known and may be
15	cited as the "Riverfront Development District Act".
16	68.202. For purposes of sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless
17	the context clearly requires otherwise, the following terms shall
18	mean:
19	(1) "Blighted area", an area which:

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(a) The port authority has found that, such area on the

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EXPLANATION-Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in boldface type in the above law is new proposed language.

whole, by reason of the predominance of defective or inadequate
street layout, insanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of
site improvements, improper subdivision or obsolete platting, or
the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by
fire and other causes, or any combination of such factors,
retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an
economic or social liability or a menace to the public health,
safety, morals, or welfare in its present condition and use; or

- (b) Has been declared blighted or found to be a blighted area pursuant to Missouri law including, but not limited to, chapter 353, RSMo, sections 99.300 to 99.715, or sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo;
- (2) "Development plan", the comprehensive program of the port authority for the development of a riverfront development district, which plan conforms to the requirements set forth in section 68.206;
- (3) "District" or "riverfront development district", a contiquous area designated by the port authority, which at the time it is established constitutes a blighted area and contains three or four contiquous census tracts, each of which census tracts must adjoin the banks of the Missouri River and must contain, or be bounded by, a minimum of two bridges crossing the Missouri River, at least two of which census tracts must be included in a distressed community as defined in section 135.530,

RSMo, at least one of which census tracts must contain a historic district, at least one of which census tracts must contain property for which an application for voluntary remediation has been approved by the department of natural resources pursuant to sections 260.565 to 260.575, RSMo, and at least one of which census tracts must contain a single family home at least fifty years old which is located within three-fourths of one mile of the banks of the Missouri River;

- (4) "Economic activity taxes", the total additional revenue from taxes which are imposed by the taxing districts and which are generated by economic activities within each project area over the amount of such taxes generated by economic activities within such project area in the calendar year before the adoption of the resolution designating such project area; provided such revenues shall not include special assessments, taxes levied pursuant to section 70.500, RSMo, and any such revenues to be deposited to a special allocation fund pursuant to a redevelopment plan originally adopted, before the establishment of the riverfront development district, pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo;
- (5) "Local net new revenues", include payments in lieu of taxes, economic activity taxes, and sales taxes, if any, imposed pursuant to section 68.222;
 - (6) "Municipality", the city or county which formed the

port authority pursuant to this chapter;

- (7) "Net new revenue fund", the net new revenue fund of the port authority required to be established pursuant to section 68.216, which fund shall contain at least four separate segregated accounts into which payments in lieu of taxes are deposited in one account, economic activity taxes are deposited in a second account, state sales taxes and withholding taxes are deposited into a third account, sales taxes, if any, imposed pursuant to section 68.222 are deposited into a fourth account; and other revenues, if any, received by the port authority for the purpose of implementing the development plan or a project are deposited in a fifth account; provided, however, special assessments levied pursuant to section 68.224 shall not be deposited to any account within the net new revenue fund;
- (8) "Net new revenues", include payments in lieu of taxes, economic activity taxes, sales taxes, if any, imposed pursuant to section 68.222, state sales taxes, and withholding taxes;
- (9) "Obligations", bonds, loans, debentures, notes, special certificates, or other evidences of indebtedness issued for the purpose of financing qualified project costs;
- (10) "Payments in lieu of taxes", those revenues from real property in each project area, which taxing districts would have received had the port authority not established such project area, and which would result from levies made after the time of

the establishment of the project area during the time the current
total equalized assessed value of real property in such project
area exceeds the total initial equalized assessed value of real
property in such project area until the designation of such
project area is terminated pursuant to section 68.218; provided
such revenues shall not include any such revenues to be deposited
to a special allocation fund pursuant to a redevelopment plan
originally adopted, before the establishment of the riverfront
development district, pursuant to sections 99.800 to 99.865,
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- (11) "Port authority", a political subdivision established pursuant to this chapter which has a port district located in any home rule city with more than four hundred thousand inhabitants and located in more than one county;
- (12) "Project", any development project within a district established by the port authority in furtherance of the objectives of the development plan;
- (13) "Project area", an area within the district
 established by resolution of the port authority as the
 geographical boundaries of a project, which area shall be legally
 described in the resolution establishing such area;
- (14) "Qualified project costs", include any and all reasonable or necessary costs incurred or estimated to be incurred by the port authority, or a person or entity authorized

1	by the port authority, in furtherance of the development of the
2	district. Such costs include, but are not limited to, the
3	following:
4	(a) Costs of studies, surveys, plans, and specifications;
5	(b) Professional service costs, including, but not limited
6	to, architectural, engineering, legal, marketing, financial,
7	planning, and special services;
8	(c) Administrative fees and costs of the port authority in
9	carrying out the purposes of sections 68.200 to 68.230 in a total
10	amount not to exceed five percent of the net new revenues
11	deposited to the net new revenue fund;
12	(d) Property assembly costs, including, but not limited to,
13	acquisition of land and other property, real or personal, or
14	rights or interests therein, demolition of buildings, and the
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obligations, and which may include capitalized interest on any

such obligations and reasonable reserves related to any such

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obligations;

- (i) All or a portion of a taxing district's capital costs
 resulting from the project necessarily incurred or to be incurred
 in furtherance of the objectives of the project, to the extent
 the port authority by written agreement accepts and approves such
 costs; and
- (j) Relocation costs to the extent that a port authority determines that relocation costs shall be paid or are required to be paid by federal or state law;
- (15) "State net new revenues", include state sales taxes and withholding taxes;
- (16) "State sales taxes", the incremental increase in the general revenue portion of state sales tax revenues received pursuant to section 144.020, RSMo, excluding sales taxes that are constitutionally dedicated, taxes deposited to the school district trust fund in accordance with section 144.701, RSMo, sales and use taxes on motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and outboard motors, and generated within each project area above the amount of such revenues received in the calendar year before the establishment of such project area. In the event a retail establishment relocates from an existing site located within the state to any such project area, for purposes of such retail establishment, "state sales taxes" shall mean the incremental increase in the general revenue portion of state sales tax

1	revenues received from such retail establishment pursuant to
2	section 144.020, RSMo, excluding sales taxes that are
3	constitutionally dedicated, taxes deposited to the school
4	district trust fund in accordance with section 144.701, RSMo,
5	sales and use taxes on motor vehicles, trailers, boats, and
6	outboard motors, above the amount of such revenues received from
7	such retail establishment at the location from which it relocated
8	in the calendar year before the closing of its store at such
9	location;

- (17) "Taxing district", any political subdivision of this state having the power to levy taxes, which political subdivision is located wholly or partially within the riverfront development district, as proposed or established;
- (18) "Total equalized assessed value", in regard to a project area, the most recently ascertained equalized assessed value of each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property within such project area;
- (19) "Total initial equalized assessed value", in regard to a project area, that amount certified by the county assessor which equals the total equalized assessed value of such project area during the calendar year preceding the year of the adoption of the resolution establishing such project area; and
- (20) "Withholding taxes", the state income tax withheld on behalf of employees by an employer pursuant to section 143.191,

RSMo, which employer is located in a project area. In the case of an employer that relocates its business to a project area from another location within the state, "state income tax withheld" shall mean only the incremental increase in such tax withheld above the amount of such tax withheld by such employer during the calendar year before such relocation. In the case of an employer that was located in a project area at the time the resolution establishing such project area is adopted, "state income tax withheld" shall mean only the incremental increase in such tax withheld above the amount of such tax withheld by such employer during the calendar year before the adoption of such resolution.

68.204. 1. A port authority may, by resolution, establish a riverfront development district, approve a development plan, approve one or more projects, and establish a project area for each project.

- 2. No riverfront development district shall be established without a finding by the port authority that such district has not been subject to growth and development on the whole by private enterprise except with the help of public assistance pursuant to chapter 99, RSMo, or chapter 353, RSMo, and would not reasonably be anticipated to be developed on the whole without the adoption of the development plan and public assistance pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230.
 - 3. Upon the adoption of a resolution establishing a

riverfront development district, the port authority shall submit such resolution to the clerk of the municipality. The municipality may, by ordinance introduced within ninety days from the adoption of such resolution, authorize the establishment of such district. No resolution establishing a riverfront development district shall become effective unless and until the municipality by ordinance authorizes the establishment of such district.

- 4. No development plan shall be approved without the establishment of a riverfront development district, and no development project shall be approved without the establishment of a project area for such project and the approval of the development plan; provided, however, the establishment of a riverfront development district, approval of the development plan, approval of one or more projects, and the establishment of project areas may occur simultaneously. No project shall be approved more than fifteen years following the approval of the development plan.
- 5. No riverfront development district shall be established and no development plan shall be approved until after a public hearing is held in accordance with section 68.210.
- 68.206. The development plan shall set forth in writing its objectives, a general description of the program to be undertaken to accomplish such objectives, and shall include, but not

necessarily be limited to, a general description of the
anticipated types of projects that may be approved to implement
the development plan, a general description of the public
improvements anticipated to be completed to meet the objectives
of the development plan, an estimate of the anticipated qualified
project costs, an estimate of the net new revenues to be
generated within the riverfront development district, a plan for
assisting the relocation, if any, of businesses or residences
located in the district as may be necessary to implement the
development plan, and an analysis showing the economic impact on
each affected taxing district if the development plan is
implemented and if it is not implemented.

description of the private and public improvements to be completed, the estimated qualified project costs, the anticipated sources of funds to pay such qualified project costs, the anticipated anticipated type and term of the obligations, if any, to be issued to finance such qualified project costs, an estimate of the net new revenues to be generated within the project area for such project, the estimated total initial equalized assessed value of such project area, an estimate as to the equalized assessed valuation of such project area after the improvements within such project area are completed, a legal description of such project area, and the general land uses to apply in such

project area.

establishing a riverfront development district or approving a development plan, the port authority shall fix a time and place for a public hearing and notify each taxing district. Such notice shall comply with the provisions of section 68.212.

- 2. At the public hearing any interested person or affected taxing district may file with the authority written objections to, or comments on, and may be heard orally in respect to, any issues embodied in the notice. The port authority shall hear and consider all protests, objections, comments, and other evidence presented at the hearing. The hearing may be continued to another date without further notice other than a motion to be entered upon the minutes fixing the time and place of the subsequent hearing.
- 3. Before the conclusion of the hearing, changes may be made in the development plan or riverfront development district, provided that such changes are available in writing at the public hearing. After the public hearing but before the adoption of a resolution establishing the riverfront development district or approving the development plan, whichever the case may be, changes may be made to any such proposed development plan or district without a further hearing, if such changes do not enlarge the exterior boundaries of the district or do not

1	substantially affect the general type of projects described in
2	the development plan, provided that notice of such changes shall
3	be given by mail to each affected taxing district and by
4	publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the
5	district, not less than ten days before the adoption of the
6	changes by resolution. After the adoption of a resolution
7	designating the district or approving the development plan, no
8	resolution shall be adopted altering the exterior boundaries of
9	the district and affecting the general type of projects described
10	in the development plan without holding a public hearing in
11	accordance with this section.

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- 4. One public hearing may be held for the simultaneous consideration of the district and the development plan.
- 68.212. 1. Notice of the public hearing required by section 68.210 shall be given by publication. Notice by publication shall be given by publication at least twice, the first publication to be not more than thirty days and the second publication to be not more than ten days before the hearing, in a newspaper of general circulation in the proposed district.
- 2. The notices issued pursuant to this section shall include the following:
 - (1) The time and place of the public hearing;
- (2) The general boundaries of the riverfront development <u>district</u> by street location, where possible;

(3) A statement that all interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing;

- (4) A description of the development plan, as applicable, and a location and time where the entire development plan may be reviewed by any interested party; and
- (5) Such other matters as the port authority may deem appropriate.
- 3. Not less than forty-five days before the date set for the public hearing, the port authority shall give notice by mail as provided in subsection 1 of this section to each taxing district, and in addition to the other requirements pursuant to subsection 2 of this section, the notice shall include an invitation to each taxing district to submit comments to the port authority concerning the subject matter of the hearing prior to the date of the hearing.
- 68.214. In addition to and without limiting the powers of the port authority set forth in this chapter, the port authority shall have all the powers necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes and provisions of sections 68.200 to 68.230, including, but not limited to, the following:
- (1) To exercise any of its powers set forth in this chapter as necessary or desirable to carry out and effectuate the purposes of sections 68.200 to 68.230;
 - (2) To fix, charge, and collect fees, rents, and other

charges for use of any of the port authority's real or personal property, or any interest therein;

- (3) To loan the proceeds of obligations or other funds it receives;
- (4) To make expenditures, create reserve funds, and use all or any portion of any funds it receives to pay for qualified project costs or reimburse qualified project costs incurred, or otherwise as necessary to carry out and effectuate the purposes of sections 68.200 to 68.230;
 - (5) To pledge all or any part or any combination of net new revenues, or mortgage all or any part of any project to secure obligations;
 - (6) To enter into one or more agreements with the municipality for the purpose of abating any public nuisance within the boundaries of the district including, but not limited to, the stabilization, repair or maintenance, or demolition and removal of buildings or structures;
 - (7) Within the district, to provide assistance to or to construct, reconstruct, install, repair, maintain, operate, and equip any of the following improvements:
 - (a) Historical exhibits, arenas, aquariums, aviaries, educational attractions, cultural attractions, and any other facilities supporting or attracting tourism;
 - (b) Recreational parks and facilities, sidewalks,

1	pedestrian paths, streets, alleys, bridges, ramps, tunnels,
2	overpasses, underpasses, and other transportation improvements,
3	traffic signs and signals, utilities, drainage, water, storm and
4	sewer systems, and other site improvements, including any such
5	improvements located outside the district as necessary to support
6	development within the district;
7	(c) Industrial parks, terminals, terminal facilities,
8	warehouses, office parks, and mixed-use facilities;
9	(d) Parking lots, garages, and other facilities;
10	(e) Telephone and information booths, bus stop and other
11	shelters, rest rooms, and kiosks;
12	(f) Streetscape, lighting, benches or other seating
13	furniture, trash receptacles, marquees, awnings, canopies, walls,
14	and barriers;
15	(q) Parks, green space, trees, and any other landscape;
16	(h) Lakes, dams, waterways, wetlands, and other water
17	<u>features;</u>
18	(i) Paintings, murals, display cases, sculptures, and
19	<u>fountains;</u>
20	(j) Convention centers and meeting facilities;
21	(k) Residential and commercial developments;
22	(1) Pedestrian or shopping malls and plazas;
23	(m) Music, news, and child-care facilities; and
24	(n) Any other useful, necessary, or desired improvement;

(8) Within the district, to prohibit or restrict vehicula:
and pedestrian traffic and vendors on streets, alleys, malls,
bridges, ramps, sidewalks, and tunnels and to provide the means
for access by emergency vehicles to or in such areas;

- (9) Within the district, to operate or to contract for the provision of music, news, child-care or parking facilities, and buses, minibuses, or other modes of transportation;
- (10) Within the district, to lease space for sidewalk café tables and chairs;
- (11) Within the district, to provide or contract for the provision of security personnel, equipment, or facilities for the protection of property and persons;
- (12) Within the district, to provide or contract for cleaning, maintenance, and other services to public and private property:
- (13) To produce and promote any tourism, recreational, or cultural activity or special event in the district by, but not limited to, advertising, decorating of any public place in the district, promoting of such activity and special events, and furnishing music in any public place;
- (14) To establish an endowment fund, with proceeds from obligations or any other funds received by the port authority, for the purpose of maintaining or operating any improvements located within the district which are owned, leased, or operated

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- (15) To support business activity and economic development within the district including, but not limited to, the promotion of business activity, development, and retention, and the recruitment of developers and businesses;
- (16) To impose sales taxes pursuant to section 68.222 and levy special assessments pursuant to section 68.224;
- (17) To appoint one or more advisory committees to the port authority; and
- (18) To contract for or conduct economic, planning, marketing, or other studies.
- 68.216. 1. The port authority, after establishing a riverfront development district, shall establish a net new revenue fund for the district.
- 2. Immediately upon the adoption of a resolution

 establishing a project area pursuant to sections 68.200 to

 68.230, the county assessor shall determine the total initial

 equalized assessed value of such project area and shall provide

 to the port authority written certification of such amount.
- 3. In each of the twenty-five calendar years following the adoption of a resolution establishing a project area pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless and until the establishment of such project area is terminated by resolution of the port authority, the ad valorem taxes and payments in lieu of taxes, if

any, arising from the levies upon taxable real property in such project area by taxing districts at the tax rates determined in the manner provided in section 68.220 shall be divided as follows:

- (1) That portion of taxes, penalties, and interest levied upon each taxable lot, block, tract, or parcel of real property in such project area which is attributable to the total initial equalized assessed value of real property in such project area shall be allocated to and, when collected, shall be paid by the collecting authority to the respective affected taxing districts in the manner required by law in the absence of the establishment of such project area;
- in the current total equalized assessed value of real property in such project area and any applicable penalty and interest over and above the total initial equalized assessed value of real property in such project area shall be allocated to and, when collected, shall be paid by the collecting officer to the port authority and the port authority shall deposit such payments in lieu of taxes into a separate segregated account for payments in lieu of taxes in the net new revenue fund. Payments in lieu of taxes which are due and owing shall constitute a lien against the real property from which such payments in lieu of taxes are derived and shall be collected in the same manner as real.

property taxes, including the assessment of penalties and interest where applicable. The lien of payments in lieu of taxes may be foreclosed in the same manner as the lien of real property taxes. No part of the current total equalized assessed value of real property in any such project area attributable to any increase above the total initial equalized assessed value of real property in such project area shall be used in calculating the qeneral state school aid formula provided for in section 163.031, RSMo, in each of the twenty-five calendar years following the adoption of the resolution establishing such project area pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless and until the establishment of such project area is terminated by resolution of the port authority; and

- (3) For purposes of this section, "levies upon taxable real property in such project area by taxing districts" shall not include the blind pension fund tax levied pursuant to the authority of article III, section 38(b) of the Missouri

 Constitution, or the merchants' and manufacturers' inventory replacement tax levied pursuant to the authority of subsection 2 of section 6 of article X, of the Missouri Constitution.
- 4. In each of the twenty-five calendar years following the adoption of a resolution establishing a project area pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless and until the establishment of such project area is terminated by resolution of the port

authority, all of the economic activity taxes from such project area shall be allocated to and, when collected, shall be paid by the collecting officer to the port authority and the port authority shall deposit such funds in a separate segregated account for economic activity taxes within the net new revenue fund; provided, however, in the event the resolution approving the project for such project area specifies a percentage limit of economic activity taxes from such project area to be deposited to the net new revenue fund, then only such percentage shall be allocated to, and paid by the collecting officer of any such economic activity tax to, the port authority. The expenditure or pledge of economic activity taxes deposited to the net new revenue fund shall be subject to annual appropriation by the port authority.

5. In each of the twenty-five calendar years following the adoption of a resolution establishing a project area pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless and until the establishment of such project area is terminated by resolution of the port authority, all of the sales taxes from such project area imposed pursuant to section 68.222 shall be allocated to and, when collected, shall be deposited to a separate segregated account for such sales taxes within the net new revenue fund. The expenditure or pledge of such sales taxes deposited to the net new revenue fund shall be subject to annual appropriation by the

port authority.

6. In each of the twenty-five calendar years following the
adoption of a resolution establishing a project area pursuant to
sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless and until the establishment of
such project area is terminated by resolution of the port
authority, the state net new revenues estimated to be generated
within such project area may be available for annual
appropriation by the general assembly to the state net new
revenue fund, from the general revenue fund, for distribution by
the department of revenue in accordance with this subsection;
provided that such appropriation shall only be made after the
port authority submits to the director of the department of
economic development a written certificate certifying the
estimated amount of state net new revenues to be generated in
such project area. A "state net new revenue fund" for each
riverfront development district shall be established by the
department of revenue. Subject to subsection 8 of this section
and the appropriation by the general assembly as required in this
subsection, the department of revenue shall, not less than
quarterly, pay state net new revenues generated within such
project area to the port authority and the port authority shall
deposit such funds in a separate segregated account for such
funds within the net new revenue fund; provided, however, such
payment by the department of revenue shall only be made after the

port authority annually submits to the department of revenue and the director of the department of economic development a written certificate certifying the estimated amount of revenues to be deposited to the net new revenue fund for such calendar year and that one hundred percent of the local net new revenues deposited to the net new revenue fund are reasonably anticipated to be used to pay or reimburse qualified project costs incurred or to be incurred or to pay debt service on obligations; and provided that the amount of state net new revenues paid by the department of revenue pursuant to this section shall not, in any one calendar year, exceed the sum total of the amount of the local net new revenues to be deposited to the net new revenue fund for such calendar year, the amount of special assessments collected in such calendar year pursuant to section 68.224, and the amount of ad valorem taxes abated on real property within the district for such calendar year pursuant to chapter 353, RSMo, or sections 99.300 to 99.660, RSMo. On or before September first of each year, the department of revenue and the port authority shall reconcile all amounts deposited to the net new revenue fund for the preceding calendar year and the port authority shall reimburse any overpayments made by the department of revenue and the department of revenue shall pay any shortfalls to the port authority.

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7. The department of revenue and each taxing district shall

remit to the agent designated by the port authority such records and data necessary to verify the amount of net new revenues generated in the district. The port authority shall be obligated to maintain the confidentiality of any such data as is required of the department of revenue or the remitting taxing district, as applicable.

- 8. Before the department of revenue pays the port authority any state net new revenue generated within any project area pursuant to subsection 6 of this section, each of the following must occur:
- (1) The port authority must file with the director of the department of economic development a copy of the resolution and the ordinance establishing the riverfront development district, a copy of the development plan, and a copy of the project for the respective project area. A copy of any project may be submitted simultaneously with, or at any time following submission of, the resolution, ordinance, and development plan;
- (2) Within forty-five days following receipt of information submitted by the port authority pursuant to this subsection, the director of the department of economic development shall review such information received to determine, as applicable, that the port authority has made the findings required by section 68.204 to establish the riverfront development district, the development plan contains the information required by section 68.206, and the

project contains the information required by section 68.208. In the event such requirements have been met, the director of the department of economic development shall, within such forty-five day period, issue a written certificate to the port authority and the department of revenue certifying that such requirements have been met. In the event such requirements have not been met, the director of the department of economic development shall, within such forty-five day period, issue a written certificate to the port authority and the department of revenue certifying which requirements have not been met, in which case the port authority may resubmit the required information at a later date and the director of the department of economic development shall review such information pursuant to the requirements set forth in this subsection for the original submission; and

- (3) The director of the department of economic development shall have issued, in accordance with subdivision (2) of this subsection, the written certificate or certificates certifying that such requirements for the applicable riverfront development area, development plan, and project have been met.
- 68.218. 1. When all qualified project costs and all obligations have been paid in full, the port authority shall adopt a resolution terminating the establishment of all project areas, or the port authority may at any earlier time adopt a resolution terminating the establishment of any project area

provided the authority determines that net new revenues generated within such project area are no longer needed for the payment or reimbursement of qualified project costs or the payment of obligations. Immediately upon the adoption of a resolution terminating the establishment of all project areas, all payments in lieu of taxes, all economic activity taxes, and other net new revenues then remaining in the net new revenue fund shall be deemed to be surplus funds; and thereafter, the rates of the taxing districts shall be extended and taxes levied, collected, and distributed in the manner applicable in the absence of the establishment of any such project area. Surplus payments in lieu of taxes shall be paid to the county collector who shall immediately thereafter pay such funds to the affected taxing districts in the same manner and proportion as the most recent distribution by the collector to the affected districts of real property taxes from real property in the district. Surplus economic activity taxes shall be paid to the affected taxing districts in proportion to the then current levy rates of such taxing districts that are attributable to economic activity taxes. Surplus state sales taxes and withholding taxes shall be paid to the state. Any other funds remaining in the net new revenue fund following the adoption of a resolution terminating the establishment of all project areas in accordance with this section shall be deposited to the general fund of the

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- 2. Upon the payment of all qualified project costs, retirement of obligations, and the distribution of any surplus funds pursuant to this section, the port authority shall adopt a resolution dissolving the net new revenue fund and terminating the establishment of the riverfront development district as a riverfront development district.
- 3. Nothing in sections 68.200 to 68.230 shall be construed as relieving property in such district from paying a uniform rate of taxes, as required by article X, section 3 of the Missouri Constitution.
- 68.220. In each of the twenty-five calendar years following the adoption of a resolution establishing a project area pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230, unless and until the establishment of such project area is terminated by resolution of the port authority, then, in respect to every affected taxing district, the county clerk, or any other official required by law to ascertain the amount of the equalized assessed value of all taxable property within such project area for the purpose of computing any debt service levies to be extended upon taxable property within such project area, shall ascertain the amount of value of taxable property in such project area by including in such amount the certified total initial equalized assessed value of all taxable real property in such project area in lieu of the

project area. For the purpose of measuring the size of payments in lieu of taxes under sections 68.200 to 68.230, all tax levies shall then be extended to the current equalized assessed value of all property in such project area in the same manner as the tax rate percentage is extended to all other taxable property in the taxing district.

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68.222. 1. The port authority may by resolution impose, in accordance with this section, a sales tax on all retail sales made within the riverfront development district which are subject to taxation pursuant to sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, except such sales tax shall not apply to the sale or use of motor vehicles, trailers, boats, or outboard motors, to any sales of electricity or electrical current, water and gas, natural or artificial, or to sales of service to telephone subscribers, either local or long distance. Any sales tax imposed pursuant to this section may be imposed at a rate of one-eighth of one percent, one-fourth of one percent, three-eighths of one percent, one-half of one percent, or one percent. Such sales tax may be imposed for any district purpose designated by the port authority in its ballot of submission to the qualified voters; except that, no resolution adopted pursuant to this section shall become effective unless the port authority submits to the qualified voters, by mail-in ballot, a proposal to authorize a sales tax

pursuant to this section. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters on the proposed sales tax are in favor of the sales tax, then the resolution shall immediately become effective. If a majority of the votes cast by the qualified voters are opposed to the sales tax, then the resolution is void.

- 2. As used in this section, "qualified voters" shall consist of such persons who reside within the riverfront development district and who are registered voters pursuant to the records of the election authority as of the thirtieth day before the date of the election.
- 3. Immediately upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to this section, the election authority shall:
- (1) Specify a date upon which the election shall occur, which date shall be a Tuesday, and shall be not earlier than the tenth Tuesday, and not later than the fifteenth Tuesday, after the date of the port authority's adoption of such resolution and shall not be on the same day as an election conducted pursuant to chapter 115, RSMo;
- (2) Publish notice of the election in a newspaper of general circulation within the municipality two times. The first publication date shall be more than sixty days before the date of the election and a second publication date shall be not more than thirty days and not less than ten days before the date of the election. The published notice shall include, but not be limited

1	to,	the	following	information:

- (a) The name and general boundaries of the district;
- (b) The type of tax proposed, its rate, purpose, and duration;
 - (c) The date the ballots for the election shall be mailed to qualified voters;
 - (d) The date of the election;
 - (e) A statement that qualified voters means such persons
 who reside within the riverfront development district and who are
 registered voters pursuant to the records of the election
 authority as of the thirtieth day before the date of the
 election;
 - (f) A statement that persons residing in the district must register to vote with the election authority on or before the thirtieth day before the date of the election to be a qualified voter for purposes of the election;
 - (q) A statement that the ballot must be returned to the election authority's office in person or by depositing the ballot in the United States mail, addressed to the election authority's office and postmarked not later than the date of the election; and
 - (h) A statement that any qualified voter that did not receive a ballot in the mail or lost the ballot received in the mail may pick up a mail-in ballot at the election authority's

1	office, specifying the date and time such ballot will be					
2	available and the location of the election authority's office;					
3	<u>and</u>					
4	(3) Mail to each qualified voter not more than fifteen days					
5	and not less than ten days before the date of the election,					
6	together with a notice containing substantially the same					
7	information as the published notice, a return addressed envelope					
8	directed to the election authority's office with a sworn					
9	affidavit on the reverse side of such envelope for the qualified					
10	voter's signature. Such affidavit shall be in substantially the					
11	following form:					
12	I HEREBY DECLARE UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY THAT I RESIDE IN THE					
13	(INSERT NAME) COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT AND I AM A					
14	REGISTERED VOTER AND QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION.					
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16	Qualified Voter's Signature					
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18	Printed Name of Qualified Voter					
19	4. Each qualified voter shall have one vote. Each voted					
20	ballot shall be signed with the authorized signature.					
21	5. Mail-in ballots shall be returned to the election					

authority's office in person or by depositing the ballot in the

United States mail addressed to the election authority's office and postmarked no later than the date of the election. The election authority shall transmit all voted ballots to a team of judges of not less than four with an equal number from each of the two major political parties. The judges shall be selected by the municipal clerk from lists compiled by the election authority. Upon receipt of the voted ballots, the judges shall verify the authenticity of the ballots, canvas the votes, and certify the results. Certification by the election judge shall be final and shall be immediately transmitted to the election authority. Any qualified voter who voted in such election may contest the result in the same manner as provided in chapter 115, RSMo.

- 6. The results of the election shall be entered upon the records of the election authority and a certified copy of the election results shall be filed with the municipal clerk, who shall cause the same to be entered upon the records of the municipal clerk.
- 7. The port authority shall reimburse the election authority for the costs it incurs to conduct an election under this section, which costs shall constitute a qualified project cost.
- 8. The ballot shall be substantially in the following form:
 Shall the (insert name of port authority) impose,

1	within the boundaries of the riverfront development district, a
2	sales tax at the maximum rate of (insert amount)
3	for a period of (insert number) years from the
4	date on which such tax is first imposed for the purpose of
5	providing revenue for (insert general description
5	of the purpose)?

YES [] NO []

If you are in favor of the question, place an "X" in the box opposite of "Yes". If you are opposed to the question, place an "X" in the box opposite "No".

- 9. Within ten days after the qualified voters have approved the imposition of such sales tax, the port authority shall, in accordance with section 32.087, RSMo, notify the director of the department of revenue. The sales tax authorized by this section shall become effective on the first day of the second calendar quarter after the director of the department of revenue receives notice of the adoption of such tax.
- 10. Pursuant to section 32.087, RSMo, the director of the department of revenue shall collect any tax adopted pursuant to this section.
- 11. In each district in which a sales tax is imposed

 pursuant to this section, every retailer shall add such

 additional tax imposed by the district to such retailer's sale

price, and when so added such tax shall constitute a part of the purchase price, shall be a debt of the purchaser to the retailer until paid, and shall be recoverable at law in the same manner as the purchase price.

- 12. In order to allow retailers to collect and report the sales tax authorized by this section as well as all other sales and use taxes required by law in the simplest and most efficient manner possible, the port authority may establish appropriate brackets to be used in the district imposing a tax pursuant to this section in lieu of the brackets provided in section 144.285, RSMo.
- 13. The penalties provided in sections 144.010 to 144.525, RSMo, shall apply to violations of this section.
- 14. All revenue received by the port authority from a sales use tax imposed pursuant to this section shall be deposited to the net new revenue fund in accordance with sections 68.200 to 68.230 and shall not be subject to sections 99.800 to 99.865, RSMo, requiring any such tax to be deposited to a special allocation fund pursuant to such sections. Upon the expiration of any sales tax adopted pursuant to this section, all such sales tax funds remaining in the net new revenue fund shall continue to be used solely for the specific purpose designated in the resolution adopted by the qualified voters.
 - 15. A district may repeal by resolution any sales tax

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development plan, the port authority may levy by resolution one or more special assessments against any portion of real property within the district, upon receipt of and in accordance with a petition signed by a majority of the owners of all real property to be subject to such special assessment.

2. The special assessment petition shall be in substantially the following form:

The port authority shall be authorized to levy a special assessment against real property legally described on the attached Exhibit A for the purpose of providing revenue for (insert general description of specific service and/or projects), such real property, such special assessment to be levied against each tract, lot, or parcel of such real property which receives special benefit as a result of such service or projects, the cost of which shall be allocated among this property by (insert method of allocation, such as per square foot of property per square foot

- 3. The method for allocating such special assessments set forth in the petition may be any reasonable method which results in imposing assessments upon real property benefited in relation to the benefit conferred upon each respective tract, lot, or parcel of real property and the cost to provide such benefit.

 Such special assessment may be levied annually or in one lump sum to be paid in one lump sum or in substantially equal annual installments.
- 4. By resolution, the port authority may annually levy a special assessment rate lower than the rate ceiling set forth in the petition authorizing the special assessment and may annually increase such lowered special assessment rate to a level not exceeding the special assessment rate ceiling set forth in the petition without further approval of the real property owners; provided that a district imposing a special assessment pursuant to this section may not repeal or amend such special assessment or lower the rate of such special assessment if such repeal, amendment, or lower rate will impair the district's ability to

pay any liabilities that it has incurred, money that it has borrowed, or obligations that it has issued.

- 5. Each special assessment which is due and owing shall constitute a perpetual lien against each tract, lot, or parcel of property from which it is derived. Such lien may be foreclosed in the same manner as any other special assessment lien as provided in section 88.861, RSMo.
- 6. No special assessment levied by the port authority shall be levied on any property exempt from taxation pursuant to subdivision (5) of section 137.100, RSMo. Those owners of property exempt pursuant to subdivision (5) of section 137.100, RSMo, may voluntarily subject such property to a special assessment by executing the petition authorizing such special assessment.
- 7. A separate fund or account shall be created by the port authority for each special assessment levied and each such fund or account shall be identifiable by a suitable title. The proceeds of such assessments shall be credited to such fund or account. Such fund or account shall be used solely to pay the costs incurred in undertaking the specified service or project.
- 8. Upon completion of the specified service or project or both, the balance remaining in such fund or account established for such specified service or project or both shall be returned or credited against the amount of the original assessment of each

parcel of property pro rata based on the method of assessment of such special assessment.

- 9. The authority of the port authority to levy special assessments shall be independent of the limitations and authorities of the municipality; specifically, section 88.812, RSMo, shall not apply to the port authority.
- 10. The county collector of each county in which the district is located shall collect the special assessments made upon all real property within the district, in the same manner as real property taxes are collected. If the special assessment is based on something other than the assessed value of real property, the district shall provide the information on which such special assessment is based for all applicable real property. Such county collector shall, on or before the fifteenth day of each month and after deducting the reasonable and actual cost of such collection but not to exceed one percent of the total amount collected, remit to the port authority the amount such special assessment collected before the first day of such month. Upon receipt of such amount, the port authority shall execute a receipt for such amount and forward such receipt to such county collector.
 - 68.226. By the last day of April each year, the port authority shall report to the municipality concerning the status of the development plan and the approved projects, and shall

1	submit a copy of such report to the director of the department of
2	economic development. The report shall include the following:
3	(1) The balance of each of the separate segregated accounts
4	within the net new revenue fund;
5	(2) The amount and purpose of expenditures from the net new
6	revenue fund;
7	(3) The amount of any pledge of net new revenues to secure
8	any outstanding obligations;
9	(4) For each project area established, the total initial
10	equalized assessed value of each such project area;
11	(5) For each project area established, the current total
12	equalized assessed value of each such project area;
13	(6) For each project area established, the amount of
14	payments in lieu of taxes, economic activity taxes, sales taxes
15	imposed pursuant to section 68.222, state sales taxes, and
16	withholding taxes deposited to the net new revenue fund for the
17	preceding calendar year and those amounts which were generated in
18	such year but not yet received and deposited to the net new
19	revenue fund; and
20	(7) Any other information the port authority deems
21	desirable.
22	68.228. No lawsuit to set aside a district or project area

established, development plan or project approved, or a tax

levied pursuant to sections 68.200 to 68.230 or to otherwise

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guestion the validity of the proceedings related thereto shall be brought after the expiration of ninety days from the effective date of the resolution in question.

- 68.230. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, or clause of sections 68.200 to 68.230 is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect any remaining portion, section, or part thereof which can be given effect without the invalid provision.
- 135.478. As used in sections 135.481 to 135.487, the following terms mean:
 - (1) "Department", the department of economic development;
- (2) "Director", the director of the department of economic development;
 - (3) "Distressed community", as defined in section 135.530;
- (4) "Eligible costs for a new residence", expenses incurred for property acquisition, development, site preparation other than demolition, surveys, architectural and engineering services and construction and all other necessary and incidental expenses incurred for constructing a new market rate residence, which is or will be owner-occupied, which is not replacing a national register listed or local historic structure; except that, costs paid for by the taxpayer with grants or forgivable loans, other than tax credits, provided pursuant to state or federal governmental programs are ineligible;

(5) "Eligible costs for rehabilitation", expenses incurred for the renovation or rehabilitation of an existing residence including site preparation, surveys, architectural and engineering services, construction, modification, expansion, remodeling, structural alteration, replacements and alterations; except that, costs paid for by the taxpayer with grants or forgivable loans other than tax credits provided pursuant to state or federal governmental programs are ineligible;

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(6) "Eligible residence", a single-family residence or a condominium or residence within a multiple residential structure or a structure containing multiple single-family residences forty years of age or older, located in this state and not within a distressed community as defined by section 135.530, which is occupied or intended to be or occupied long-term by the owner or offered for sale at market rate for owner-occupancy and which is either located within a United States census block group which, if in a metropolitan statistical area, has a median household income of less than ninety percent, but greater than or equal to seventy percent of the median household income for the metropolitan statistical area in which the census block group is located, or which, if located within a United States census block group in a [nonmetropolitan] county that is not located in a metropolitan statistical area, has a median household income of less than ninety percent, but greater than or equal to seventy

percent of the median household income for [the nonmetropolitan areas in the state] all counties not located within a metropolitan statistical area;

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- (7) "Flood plain", any land or area susceptible to being inundated by water from any source or located in a one hundred-year flood plain area determined by Federal Emergency Management Agency mapping as subject to flooding;
- (8) "New residence", a residence constructed on land which if located within a distressed community has either been vacant for at least two years or is or was occupied by a structure which has been condemned by the local entity in which the structure is located or which, if located outside of a distressed community but within a census block group as described in subdivision (6) or (10) of this section, either replaces a residence forty years of age or older demolished for purposes of constructing a replacement residence, or which is constructed on vacant property which has been classified for not less than forty continuous years as residential or utility, commercial, railroad or other real property pursuant to article X, section 4(b) of the Missouri Constitution, as defined in section 137.016, RSMo; except that, no new residence shall be constructed in a flood plain or on property used for agricultural purposes except as otherwise provided herein. [In a distressed community,] The term "new residence" shall include condominiums, owner-occupied units or

other units intended to be owner-occupied in multiple unit structures or as separate adjacent single-family units;

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- (9) "Project", new construction, rehabilitation or substantial rehabilitation of a residence or residences, whether comprised of one structure containing multiple single-family residences or multiple individual structures that [qualifies] qualify for a tax credit pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487;
- "Qualifying residence", a single-family residence, forty years of age or older, located in this state which is occupied or intended to be occupied long-term by the owner or offered for sale at market rate for owner-occupancy and which is either located within a United States census block group which, if in a metropolitan statistical area [or nonmetropolitan statistical area within a United States census block group which has a median household income of less than seventy percent of the median household income for the metropolitan statistical area or nonmetropolitan area, respectively], has a median household income of less than seventy percent of the median household income for the metropolitan statistical area in which the census block group is located, or which, if located within a United States census block group that is located in a county that is not located in a metropolitan statistical area, has a median household income of less than seventy percent of the median household income for all counties not located within a

metropolitan statistical area or which is located within a distressed community. A qualifying residence shall include a condominium or residence within a multiple residential structure or a structure containing multiple single-family residences which is located within a distressed community;

- (11) "Substantial rehabilitation", rehabilitation the costs of which exceed fifty percent of either the purchase price or the cost basis of the structure immediately prior to rehabilitation; provided that, the structure is at least fifty years old notwithstanding any provision of sections 135.475 to 135.487 to the contrary;
- (12) "Tax liability", the tax due pursuant to chapter 143, 147 or 148, RSMo, other than taxes withheld pursuant to sections 143.191 to 143.265, RSMo;
- (13) "Taxpayer", any person, partnership, corporation, trust or limited liability company.
- 135.481. 1. (1) Any taxpayer who incurs eligible costs for a new residence located in a distressed community or within a census block group as described in subdivision (6) or (10) of section 135.478, or for a multiple unit condominium described in subdivision (2) of this subsection, shall receive a tax credit equal to [fifteen] twenty percent of such costs against his or her tax liability. The tax credit shall not exceed forty thousand dollars per new residence in any ten-year period.

(2) For the purposes of this section, a "multiple unit condominium" is one that is intended to be owner occupied, which is constructed on property subject to an industrial development contract as defined in section 100.310, RSMo, and which lies within an area with a city zoning classification of urban redevelopment district established after January 1, 2000, and before December 31, 2001, and which is constructed in connection with the qualified rehabilitation of a structure more than ninety years old eligible for the historic structures rehabilitation tax credit described in sections 253.545 to 253.559, RSMo, and is under way by January 1, 2000, and completed by January 1, 2002.

- 2. [Any taxpayer who incurs eligible costs for a new residence located within a census block as described in subdivision (6) of section 135.478 shall receive a tax credit equal to fifteen percent of such costs against his or her tax liability. The tax credit shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars per new residence in any ten-year period.
- 3.] Any taxpayer who is not performing substantial rehabilitation and who incurs eligible costs for rehabilitation of an eligible residence or a qualifying residence shall receive a tax credit equal to twenty-five percent of such costs against his or her tax liability. The minimum eligible costs for rehabilitation of an eligible residence shall be ten thousand dollars. The minimum eligible costs for rehabilitation of a

qualifying residence shall be five thousand dollars. The tax credit shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars in any ten-year period.

- [4.] 3. Any taxpayer who incurs eligible costs for substantial rehabilitation of a qualifying residence shall receive a tax credit equal to thirty-five percent of such costs against his or her tax liability. The minimum eligible costs for substantial rehabilitation of a qualifying residence shall be ten thousand dollars. The tax credit shall not exceed seventy thousand dollars in any ten-year period.
- [5.] $\underline{4}$. A taxpayer shall be eligible to receive tax credits for new construction or rehabilitation pursuant to only one subsection of this section.
- [6.] <u>5.</u> No tax credit shall be issued pursuant to this section for any structure which is in violation of any municipal or county property, maintenance or zoning code.
- [7.] <u>6.</u> No tax credit shall be issued pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 for the construction or rehabilitation of rental property.
- 135.484. 1. Beginning January 1, 2000, tax credits shall be allowed pursuant to section 135.481 in an amount not to exceed sixteen million dollars per year. Of this total amount of tax credits in any given year, eight million dollars shall be set aside for projects in areas described in subdivision (6) of

section 135.478 and eight million dollars for projects in areas described in subdivision (10) of section 135.478. The maximum tax credit for a project consisting of multiple-unit qualifying residences in a distressed community and commenced before August 28, 2002, shall not exceed three million dollars, and the maximum tax credit for a project consisting of multiple-unit qualifying residences and commenced on or after August 28, 2002, shall not exceed one million five hundred thousand dollars. If, by October first of any calendar year, the director has issued all eight million dollars of tax credits allowed for projects in areas described in subdivision (6) of section 135.478, but not for projects in areas described in subdivision (10) of section 135.478, or vice versa, the director shall reallocate seventy percent of any credits not allocated to finally approved applications for issuance to taxpayers which:

- (1) Are engaged in projects in the area in which tax credits totaling eight million dollars have already been issued for the same year; and
- 19 <u>(2) Have already applied for, but have not yet been issued,</u>
 20 <u>tax credits pursuant to section 135.487 for the same year.</u>
 - Reallocated credits shall be issued pursuant to section 135.487; except that, the maximum reallocated tax credit for any project shall not exceed five hundred thousand dollars.

2. Any amount of credit which exceeds the tax liability of a taxpayer for the tax year in which the credit is first claimed may be carried back to any of the taxpayer's three prior tax years and carried forward to any of the taxpayer's five subsequent tax years. A certificate of tax credit issued to a taxpayer by the department may be assigned, transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed. Whenever a certificate of tax credit is assigned, transferred, sold or otherwise conveyed, a notarized endorsement shall be filed with the department specifying the name and address of the new owner of the tax credit and the value of the credit.

3. The tax credits allowed pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 may not be claimed in addition to any other state tax credits, with the exception of the historic structures rehabilitation tax credit authorized pursuant to sections 253.545 to 253.559, RSMo, which insofar as sections 135.475 to 135.487 are concerned may be claimed only in conjunction with the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection [4] 3 of section 135.481. In order for a taxpayer eligible for the historic structures rehabilitation tax credit to claim the tax credit allowed pursuant to subsection [4] 3 of section 135.481, the taxpayer must comply with the requirements of sections 253.545 to 253.559, RSMo, and in such cases, the amount of the tax credit pursuant to subsection [4] 3 of section 135.481 shall be limited to the

lesser of twenty percent of the taxpayer's eligible costs or forty thousand dollars.

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135.487. 1. To obtain any credit allowed pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487, a taxpayer shall submit to the department, for preliminary approval, an application for tax credit. The director shall, upon final approval of an application and presentation of acceptable proof of substantial completion of construction, issue the taxpayer a certificate of tax credit. In the case of projects involving the new construction, rehabilitation or substantial rehabilitation of more than one residence, one application for tax credit may be submitted to the department for preliminary approval for the entire project, and the director shall issue the taxpayer a certificate of tax credit upon final approval of an application and presentation of acceptable proof of substantial completion of construction for each individual residence rather than delaying issuance of a tax credit pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 until substantial completion of the entire project. The director shall issue all credits allowed pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 in the order the applications are received. In the case of a taxpayer other than an owner-occupant, the director shall not delay the issuance of a tax credit pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 until the sale of a residence at market rate for owner-occupancy. A taxpayer, taxpayer other than an

owner-occupant who receives a certificate of tax credit pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 shall, within thirty days of the date of the sale of a residence, furnish to the director satisfactory proof that such residence was sold at market rate for owner-occupancy. If the director reasonably determines that a residence was not in good faith intended for long-term owner occupancy, the director make revoke any tax credits issued and seek recovery of any tax credits issued pursuant to section 620.017, RSMo.

- 2. The department may cooperate with a municipality or a county in which a project is located to help identify the location of the project, the type and eligibility of the project, the estimated cost of the project and the completion date of the project.
- 3. The department may promulgate such rules or regulations or issue administrative guidelines as are necessary to administer the provisions of sections 135.475 to 135.487. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to the provisions of chapter 536, RSMo.
- 4. The department shall conduct annually a comprehensive program evaluation illustrating where the tax credits allowed pursuant to sections 135.475 to 135.487 are being utilized, explaining the economic impact of such program and making

recommendations on appropriate program modifications to ensure the program's success.

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For the purposes of sections 100.010, 100.710 and 135.530. 100.850, RSMo, sections 135.110, 135.200, 135.258, 135.313, 135.403, 135.405, 135.503, 135.530 and 135.545, section 215.030, RSMo, sections 348.300 and 348.302, RSMo, and sections 620.1400 to 620.1460, RSMo, "distressed community" means either a Missouri municipality within a metropolitan statistical area which has a median household income of under seventy percent of the median household income for the metropolitan statistical area, according to the last decennial census, or a United States census block group or contiguous group of block groups within a metropolitan statistical area which has a population of at least [two thousand] five hundred, and each block group having a median household income of under seventy percent of the median household income for the metropolitan area in Missouri, according to the last decennial census. In addition the definition shall include municipalities not in a metropolitan statistical area, with a median household income of under seventy percent of the median household income for the nonmetropolitan areas in Missouri according to the last decennial census or a census block group or contiguous group of block groups which has a population of at least two thousand five hundred each block group having a median household income of under seventy percent of the median household income for the nonmetropolitan areas of Missouri, according to
the last decennial census. <u>In metropolitan statistical areas</u>,

the definition shall include areas that are designated as either

a federal empowerment zone; or a federal enhanced enterprise

community; or a state enterprise zone that was originally

designated before January 1, 1986, but will not include

expansions of such state enterprise zones done after March 16,

1988.